

EPITAPH FOR TOM DULA

On May 8, 1868, The Salisbury Watchman and Old North State carried the following article reprinted from the Statesville American:

Thomas C. Dula suffered the extreme penalty of the law by hanging, near this place, at 17 minutes past 2 o'clock P.M. on May 1st, having been a second time convicted of the murder of Laura Foster, of Wilkes County more than a year ago. Under the gallows, he made a long address to several thousand persons who were present to witness his execution, in a general way, and avowed his preparation to appear in another world. On the night previous to his execution, he made confession of his guilt, which we copy from his own hand.

STATEMENT OF THOMAS C. DULA: I declare that I am the only person who had a hand in the murder of Laura Foster.

Thos. C. Dula